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Applicant(s): I. McRury et al.

Invention: Suture Welding System and Method

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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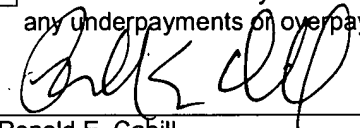
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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